

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 642

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 19, 2003

An act to add Section 60605.3 to the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 642, as introduced, Mullin. Content standards: review.

Existing law requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide academically rigorous content standards in the core curriculum areas of reading, writing, mathematics, history/social science, and science and to adopt content standards in other areas, including visual and performing arts and English language development. Existing law also requires the State Board of Education to adopt statewide performance standards, as provided.

This bill would require the State Board of Education, commencing in 2010, to conduct a periodic review of the content standards for those areas, and as part of that review, to hold regional public hearings. The bill would require the State Board of Education to adopt any changes in the content standards deemed necessary or desirable and any conforming changes to the statewide performance standards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 60605.3 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

1 60605.3. Commencing in 2010, the State Board of Education
2 shall conduct a periodic review of the statewide content standards
3 adopted pursuant to Sections 60605, 60605.1, and 60811. As part
4 of the review, the State Board of Education shall hold regional
5 public hearings for the purpose of soliciting comments from the
6 public and education professionals on the content standards.
7 Following the review and public hearings, the State Board of
8 Education shall adopt any changes to the content standards
9 deemed necessary or desirable by the board and shall adopt
10 conforming changes, as necessary, to the statewide performance
11 standards. The review shall be timed to coincide with, and provide
12 a foundation for, the periodic review of statewide curriculum
13 frameworks and instructional materials.

